

The HAMMERHEAD



Getting Underway



Only a few hours after getting underway, RESOLUTE served as the platform for vertical insertion training with Air Station Clearwater and TACLET South. The training enhanced the operational capability of the Air Station while allowing RESOLUTE's crew to conduct helicopter evolutions with an HH-60 helicopter, a rare experience!

The crew spent Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day underway. While it was difficult to be away from families and friends, the crew kept their spirits high with a variety of special events and holiday meals.

Below, SNBM Figuerado, SN Schott, BM2 True, BM1 Kaczynski and SN Paluh show off their gingerbread house.



The morale committee organized one of the largest secret santa gift exchanges in recent memory with over 25 crew members participating. The crew also enjoyed a gingerbread house competition, and the cooks did not disappoint with some of the most impressive meals of the patrol!



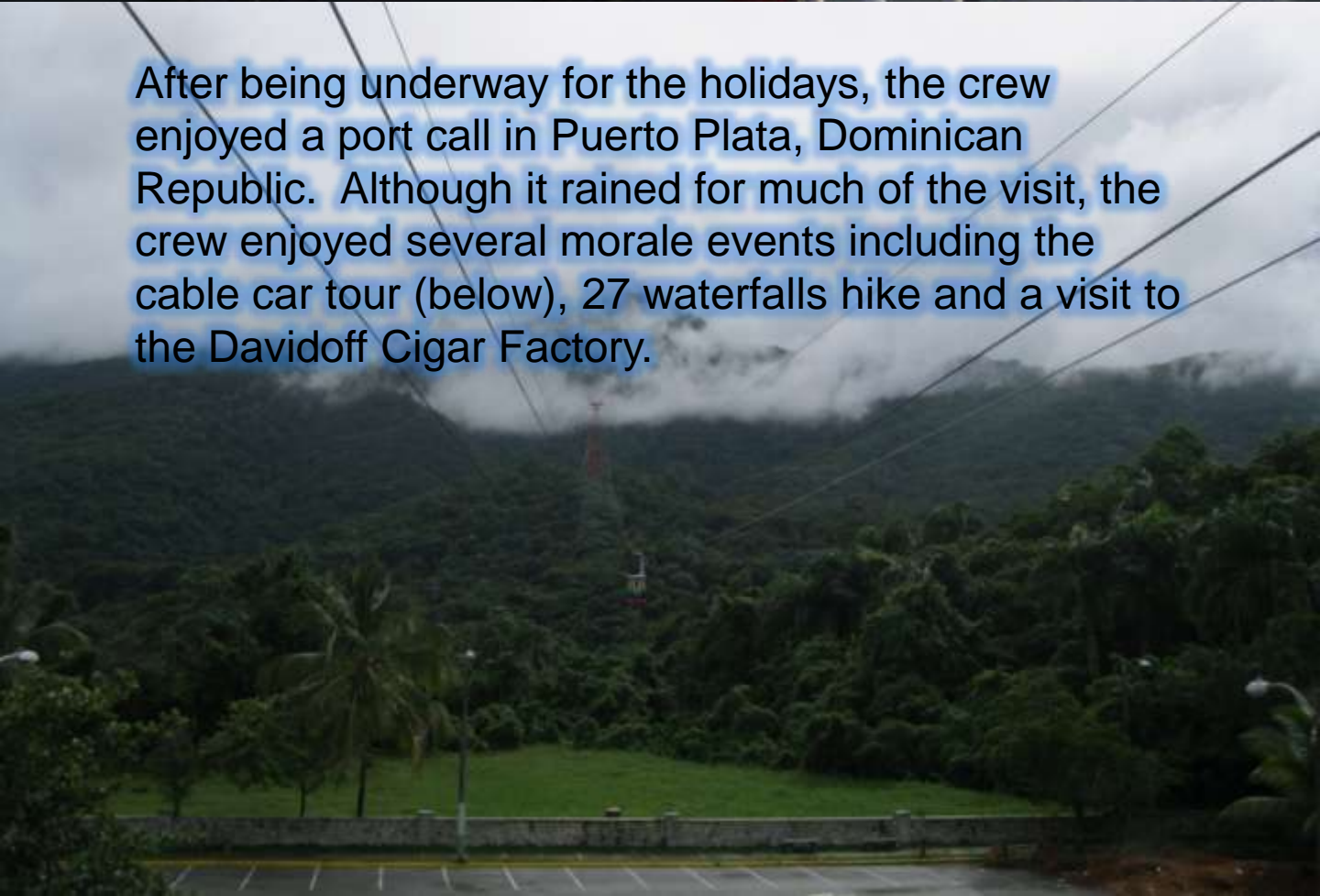
From a visit from Santa to dropping the ball from the mast on New Years Eve, RESOLUTE did not let the high seas get in the way of holiday celebrations.



PUERTO PLATA



After being underway for the holidays, the crew enjoyed a port call in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. Although it rained for much of the visit, the crew enjoyed several morale events including the cable car tour (below), 27 waterfalls hike and a visit to the Davidoff Cigar Factory.



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Petite Goâve

Trou

Les Anglais

Les Cayes

Aquin

Côtes-de-Fer

Bainet

Port-Salut

Île à Vache

Caribbean Sea



AMIO

Many vessels that leave Haiti are dangerously overloaded or unfit to sail. Resolute distributes life jackets, disembarks the passengers, and cares for them on board with food, blankets, showers, and medical treatment while awaiting permission from international authorities to repatriate.

During the patrol, RESOLUTE interdicted 173 Haitian migrants.





RESOLUTE's patrols in the Windward Passage often require the cutter to transit Haiti's Canal de La Tortue. This seaway serves as an important transit area for Haitian passenger and merchant traffic, but like many port cities in Haiti, it can also be the departure point for illegal migration. Regularly transiting the canal and maintaining an overt presence in the region deterred potential illegal migrants and smugglers.



Turks and Caicos Islands



For RESOLUTE's second and final stop of the patrol, the crew visited the beautiful island of Grand Turk. The crew opened the flight deck to the local community with a sunset reception for over 50 people, including the Turks and Caicos Governor and the Charge D'affaires of the US Embassy in Nassau, Bahamas (below).

